GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:19
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UNSAFE AIRPORTS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some airports in the country including Jaiprakash Narayan Airport, Patna have been declared unsafe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have not met the safety standards in maintenance of these airports;

(d) whether the State Governments are provided with adequate funds to improve safety standards at airports; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to remove deficiencies in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) :- A Statement is laid on the Table on the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.19 to be answered on 18th November2002 regarding Unsafe airports.

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) :- No operational airport, belonging to the Airports Authority of India including Jaiprakash Narayan Airport, Patna, has been declared unsafe. The Airports Authority of India maintains safety standards in co-ordination with the respective State Governments with regard to pruning of trees, removal of obstruction etc. in approach / take off paths of runways. The Airports Authority of India provides necessary funds to the respective State Governments for pruning of trees, paying of compensation etc. Regular inspections of teh airports are carried out to ensure the maintenance of safety standards and deficiencies, if any, are removed.